

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 458

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the City of Irving in recognizing March 20, 2007, as Irving Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Strategically located at the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Irving maintains the spirit of a small town while offering residents and businesses an unparalleled quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Irving is the global headquarters of four Fortune 500 companies, ExxonMobil, Kimberly-Clark, Commercial Metals, and Fluor Corporation, and is home to 8,000 companies, with a presence of more than 30 Fortune 500 corporations; and

WHEREAS, Many foreign-owned businesses have benefited from Irving's strong corporate environment, and companies with headquarters scattered worldwide, such as Belgium, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Finland, Germany, and Japan, have opened offices in the Greater Irving area; the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, one of the world's busiest airports, provides easy global access to Irving for international business relationships; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is second only to Silicon Valley in the number of technology-related companies; a highly educated workforce of more than 2.7 million is available within a 30-minute commute to serve the needs of companies; and

WHEREAS, Empowering corporations to reach their greatest potential has become the goal of the Irving area; the city has earned a Double Triple A bond rating, the highest financial

ranking a city can achieve; Irving is the bustling business center of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce for helping the City of Irving become a business-friendly as well as a people-friendly place and extend best wishes to them for a successful and celebratory Irving Day at the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the City of Irving as a memento of this special day.

Harris, Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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